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Dear Tribal Leader:

The DSHS, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA) has again received notice that the Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators (WAJCA), Washington State Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA), and Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) are pursuing legislative action to move juvenile offender funds from JRA to AOC. As part of JRA's legislated role in the juvenile justice continuum of care, we receive funding each biennium that pays for oversight, quality assurance, services and programs for juvenile offenders receiving services through the juvenile court system. JRA currently performs these functions, and has for several years. The proposal shifts funds, some of these functions, and creates new functions so oversight will come out of AOC.

JRA has historically included grant opportunities to the Tribes through the state funded Community Juvenile Accountability Act (CJAA). Several Federally Recognized Washington State Tribes and Recognized American Indian Organizations are currently receiving grant awards through this funding stream.

JRA has continued to build on the development of partnerships with Tribal governments, which have resulted in the expansion of delivery of evidence base practices to youth and families. At this time, it is unclear how this policy direction would affect the Tribes regarding the CJAA funds, if at all.

We wanted to ensure you are notified and included early in the legislative decision process. As of this date, this movement is included in the proposed State Budget and will take legislative action in order to keep the funds administered through JRA. We value the relationships we have with Washington State Tribes and Recognized American Indian Organizations, and will be happy to keep you apprised of new information as we receive it.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (360) 902-8081 or by e-mail at <u>sullicl@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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